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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendment and Remarks are submitted for entry into the present application along with the Request for Continued Prosecution under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 accompanying this paper. This paper and the accompanying RCE are responsive to the Advisory Action dated January 22, 2004, having a shortened statutory period expiring January 22, 2004. Accompanying this response is a one-month Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for Extension of Time setting a new time for response of February 22, 2004. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

No amendments to the Drawings or the Specification are presented in this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.